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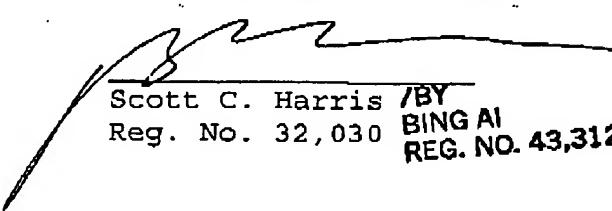
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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

In timely response to the Office action mailed July 14 2004, Applicants respectfully request the Patent Office to reconsider and allow the application for the reasons state below.

As an initial matter, Applicants gratefully acknowledge the withdrawal of the prior rejections to Claims 1, 2 and 4-6 under 35 USC.102(e) over U.S. Patent No. 6,469,788 to Boyd. Claims 1-9, however, stand finally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over U.S. Patent Nos. 6,600,565 and 6,031,611.

1. Double Patenting over U.S. Patent No. 6,031,611

Claims 1-9 of this application stand finally rejected as being obvious over Claims 1-8 of the '611 patent owned by the

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